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EXHIBIT 2
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SB 585

To: House Transportation Committee
From: Dan Harrington, AARP Montana
Re: Support HB 585

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am Dan Harrington, a Community Liaison with AARP Montana an organization with about 155,000 members in this state. We support HB 585 because all seniors should have access to a variety of safe, affordable, dependable, and user-friendly travel options.

While everyone benefits from having multiple transportation options, it is especially important for older adults, people with disabilities and children, who cannot or choose not to drive but who wish to stay connected to community vendors, services and social activities. More than half of these non-drivers stay home on any given day, which can lead to extreme isolation that effects physical and emotional health.

As Montana's population ages, the demand for transportation aid will significantly increase. The increased revenue from the rental car tax will provide the much needed assistance to those people and tax mostly out of state tourists.

We urge you to support HB 585.